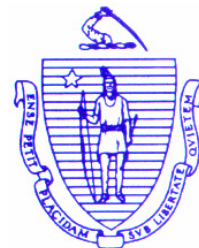




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**RECREATIONAL HADDOCK MINIMUM SIZE REDUCED TO 21 INCHES**

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The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) has taken emergency action to reduce the recreational haddock minimum size from 23" to 21". This regulatory action complements recent modifications to the haddock restrictions made by NOAA Fisheries, effective July 28, 2003. Additional federal amendments include removing the recreational haddock bag limit restrictions; *Marine Fisheries* and the Marine Fisheries Commission had already acted on this in August 2002.

All other interim groundfish management measures currently in place through a federal court order pending implementation of Amendment 13 remain unchanged, including the 23" minimum size limit for recreational cod fishing.

**Commercial and recreational regulations for the cod and haddock fisheries.\***

	<b>Commercial Fishing</b>		<b>Recreational Fishing</b>	
	<u>Cod</u>	<u>Haddock</u>	<u>Cod</u>	<u>Haddock</u>
<b>Minimum Size</b>	22	19	23	21
<b>Possession Limit</b>	500-lbs. (North of 42°, including Cape Cod Bay) 2,000-lbs. (South of 42°)	N/A	10 fish (Apr. – Nov.) 5 fish (Dec. – Mar.)	N/A

\* For complete regulations please view 322 CMR.

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